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Art Unit 3629

For: Breakaway Support Post for Highway Guardrail End Treatments

Inventor: James R. Albritton

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 17, 2000 and the Notice
of Informal Response dated August 15, 2000 (paper no. 14), please amend the above
identified patent application in the following manner:

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